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Construction Project Nord (Ruegenhafen) was suspended on 11 June 1953. All tools, such as bulldozers and dredges, were reshipped from Ruegen Island on orders of the State Secretariat for Shipping. Equipment controlled by the State Secretariat, rather than the construction unions, was transferred to Wismar, where dredging operations were scheduled for a new channel for seagoing ships. In late June 1953, three plans had been drafted for this channel: one for a fairway channel 40 meters wide and 8.5 meters deep; one for a fairway channel 50 meters wide and 9 meters deep, and one for a fairway channel 60 meters wide and 9.5 meters deep. The first plan calls for the dredging of 1,500,000 cubic meters of earth, the second for 2,000,000 cubic meters and the third for 3,200,000 cubic meters. As of no decision had been made.

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